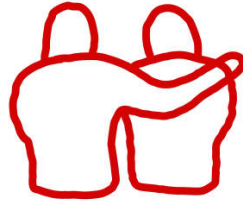


NORTH EAST
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Showing God's Love In Action



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Showing God's Love in Action is something everyone connected with North East Help Link tries to achieve with whoever comes our way needing help. On a Sunday evening at Newcastle upon Tyne serving 60 plus people from our trailer is a regular occurrence.



God has blessed us with dedicated staff and volunteers who not only feed those in need, but talk through whatever problems they may have be it drugs, drink, accommodation or lack of clothing or any other support they may need. Our aim is also to eventually encourage a visit to a local church to meet people who understand their problems and so far over 70 have attended services. A number of lives have been changed quite dramatically like Andrew Norman Larkin, now 42. He was



born in Hartlepool, christened as a baby, misbehaved as a child, was in and out of jail for minor offences, and who got into drugs, and was sent to prison for supplying.

He became a Christian 12 months ago and is now clean from drugs and drink. At present Andrew is selling the Big Issue in Stockton, has acquired a flat in Middlesbrough and is looking to further his qualifications. We are delighted that he is now baptised. Praise The Lord.

Our thanks again to all who support us with prayers, money, food and clothing including blankets. These come from individuals and churches as well as firms such as Sainsbury's of Washington and Barclays at Doxford Park , and now a Bakery at Chester-le-Street. Our bus has required medical attention over the past few weeks, and it is thanks to everyone that it is now back on the road and we can manage to help the increased numbers we are witnessing.

Grateful thanks go to Hope House at Newton Aycliffe who allow us the use



of their kitchen to prepare the hot food and place it into thermal flasks to keep it piping hot. I would also like to mention Xcel Church of Woodham Village who do so much in the spiritual and social activities which take place, and for use of their mini bus for these occasions.



Fundraising events.

This year's Walk for Walter's Work took place on Saturday 21st of June when 37 walkers and a child in a buggy travelled the 5 miles between South Hetton Church and Stanley Street Church in Seaham. It was a beautiful day for walking! It rained. And then it rained, and then it rained some more - in fact from start to finish, but not a word of



complaint about the weather was heard from anyone. It ended with an epilogue which was given by Shaun Newton. T. shirts were supplied by our main sponsor for this event which was Barclays who donated £500, and so far an overall total in excess of £1500.00 has



been raised. A praise night was held at Stanley Street Church where the worship was led by Eric Southwick. The music was provided by Seaham Pentecostal Church accompanied by Carl Heron on keyboard and David Southwick on bass guitar. A coffee morning was held at the home of Carol and Eddie Holgate at Ryhope, where everyone enjoyed fellowship and the beautiful display of fuscias in the garden.



We would be interested to learn of any fundraising events. Please contact me on 0191 5211217. Alternatively send us an e-mail to :- events@nehl-trust.org.uk. Please note that the cost of producing and posting this newsletter and the upkeep of the website are sponsored.

Contact Details

To donate tinned food, clothing, or blankets, contact Carl Heron
(Executive Officer)

☎ (0191) 5368637 to arrange collection

To make a donation of money, contact Eric Southwick
(Treasurer)

☎ (0191) 5812233

📞 (0191) 5813999

To let us know of any fundraising events etc, please contact
Jean Cansfield (Secretary)

☎ 07788 983746

Fund-Raising Activities

(Contact Jean Cansfield for further information on any item)

- Anne Chisholm will attempt to produce watercolour paintings of buildings, landscapes, flowers (NO people or animals!) from photographs or pictures.
- Pauline Blyth is willing to try to sell unwanted items on e-Bay.
- Hand knitted fashion scarves are available.
- Lawn cutting (Sunderland Area)
Please contact George Carlyon
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